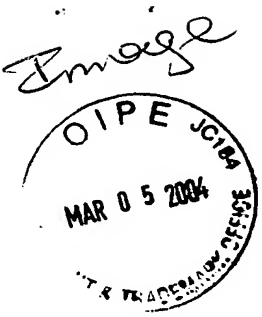


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/030,160
Applicants: Takeshi MIYAKAWA, et al.
Filing Date: January 30, 2002
For: SHEET FOR AN EMBOSSED CARRIER TAPE
Group Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: Chevalier, A.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response w/attachment: Second signed original of the Amendment filed August 22, 2003

Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office communication dated March 2, 2004, **submitted herewith** is a second signed original of the amendment filed August 22, 2003, except that the documents indicated as submitted therewith have been omitted. These documents were submitted with the copy of the amendment, discussed below.

At the request of the Examiner, a copy of this amendment was submitted by facsimile on October 9, 2003, with a copy of the date-stamped receipt of August 22, 2003, because the original had been lost or missing from the official file. Because this firm does not keep copies of signed originals filed in the USPTO, a true but unsigned copy was submitted.

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Applicants submit that the facsimile copy, with copy of the date-stamped receipt, should have been sufficient. There is no excuse for delaying almost five months since the date of this submission for entering the above Office communication, which will result in even further delay of action on the merits. A prompt examination on the merits of the amendment is urgently solicited.

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AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.